

111TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 125

In support and recognition of National Train Day, May 9, 2009.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2009

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in May 1869, the “golden spike” was driven into the final tie at Promontory Summit, Utah to join the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads, ceremonially completing the first transcontinental railroad and therefore connecting both coasts of the United States;

Whereas, Amtrak trains and infrastructure carry commuters to and from work in congested metropolitan areas providing a reliable rail option and reducing congestion on roads and in the skies;

Whereas, for many rural Americans, Amtrak represents the only major intercity transportation link to the rest of the country;

Whereas, passenger trains provide a more fuel-efficient transportation system thereby providing cleaner transportation alternatives and energy security;

Whereas, intercity passenger rail was 18 percent more energy efficient than airplanes and 25 percent more energy efficient than automobiles on a per-passenger-mile basis in 2006;

Whereas, Amtrak annually provides intercity passenger rail travel to over 28 million Americans residing in 46 states;

Whereas, an increasing number of people are using trains for travel purposes beyond commuting to and from work; and

Whereas, community railroad stations are a source of civic pride, a gateway to over 500 of our Nation's communities, and a tool for economic growth: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate supports the goals and
- 2 ideals of National Train Day, as designated by Amtrak.

